


# Musk sues CCC, Wilson over 'political bias'



**Sup. Mike Wilson**

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**HUMBOLDT** – Elon Musk's SpaceX corporation is suing the California Coastal Commission, citing politically-based comments from county Supervisor Mike Wilson and other commissioners who described the infamous billionaire as a politically-destructive shyster.

The nexus between politics and regulation figured into the commission's discussions on expanding rocket launches by SpaceX, Musk's space

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# Plaza arrest spurs calls for police oversight

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**ARCATA** – Arcata's reputation as a progressive university town was called into bitter question at the Oct. 16 City Council meeting, following the arrest and restraint of a young Black man on the Plaza.

Objections to the way

police carried out the arrest dominated the meeting's public comment period and a city councilmember has pledged to pursue formation of a police oversight committee.

The controversy stems from an Oct. 8 police response to the Plaza, where

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# Jeffers to lead Access Humboldt

ACCESS HUMBOLDT — Access Humboldt’s Board of Directors last week announced that Christina Marie Jeffers will be the next executive director for the local broadband media access organization. A community introduction is planned Wednesday Oct. 30 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Community Media Center on College of the Redwoods’ main campus and the public is invited. [accesshumboldt.net/press-releases/2024-invitation](http://accesshumboldt.net/press-releases/2024-invitation)

Christina is a multiple award-winning writer, producer, director and actress who has been recognized for her work in Sacramento as a “transformational leader” and an “entrepreneur to watch.” She was selected following a national search process conducted by the Board of Directors with support from The Buske Group.

Access Humboldt’s Board Chair Molly Cate shared this statement: “We are delighted to welcome Christina Marie Jeffers to Access Humboldt



Christina Marie Jeffers

and the whole community. Christina’s vision is clearly aligned with our mission - dedicated to freedom of expression, and committed to build local information ecosystems to meet community needs for public health and safety, education, community based economic development, culture, arts and civic engagement. AH Board invites our community to meet Christina and share the vision.”

Emeritus director Sean Taketa McLaughlin noted: “Christina is a visionary leader who will be a natural for the next chapter of local media access in Humboldt County and adjacent tribal lands. We particularly appreciate her work with Capitol INDIE Collective that focused on making ‘Entrepreneurs out of Artists,’ and her commitment to lead Access Humboldt’s anti-racist community building efforts in a transparent and accountable manner.”

Christina’s bio: [accesshumboldt.net/about/staff/christina-marie-jeffers](http://accesshumboldt.net/about/staff/christina-marie-jeffers)

For more information, contact Access Humboldt: [info@accesshumboldt.net](mailto:info@accesshumboldt.net).

# Redwood Coast Energy Authority names Beth Burks new exec director

REDWOOD COAST ENERGY AUTHORITY EUREKA — Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA) has selected Beth Burks as the next executive director. This significant leadership addition comes just after RCEA celebrated its 20th anniversary, marking two decades of providing sustainable energy initiatives, customer-centered programs and the advancement of renewable resources for Humboldt County.



Beth Burks

With more than 18 years of local planning experience in both the public and private sectors on housing, energy and transportation-related projects, Burks brings a wealth of expertise to this role.

During four years as the executive director of the Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG), Burks oversaw the update of the Regional Transportation Plan including the adoption of the Safe and Sustainable Transportation Targets and completed two cycles of the Regional Transportation Improvement Plan that brought nearly \$20 mil-

lion in transportation improvements to our region. She also secured grants supporting infill affordable housing, micro-transit and other initiatives that supported mode shift to active transportation, transit and transitioning to zero-emission vehicles.

Sarah Schaefer, chair of the RCEA Board of Directors, said Burks brings strong organizational leadership and a clear vision to Redwood Coast Energy Authority.

“With deep local knowledge and a broad strategic perspective, her experience in energy issues, policy and both public and private sectors make her an ideal fit to lead the organization,” Schaefer said. “Beth is proactive, values communication and transparency and is committed to amplifying community voices across Humboldt County drawing on her existing relationships and community connections.”

Burks will start her new role in early 2025.

“I am honored to be stepping in to lead the phe-

nominal team at Redwood Coast Energy Authority. With a strong commitment to sustainability and innovation, I look forward to working with the RCEA Board, staff and our community to further RCEA’s mission,” Burks said.

Burks replaces Interim Executive Director Eileen Verbeck, who is excited to return to her original role of deputy executive director.

For more information, community members are encouraged to email [info@redwoodenergy.org](mailto:info@redwoodenergy.org) or call (707) 269-1700.

Established in 2003, the Redwood Coast Energy Authority is a local government joint powers agency whose members include the Blue Lake Rancheria, Yurok Tribe, the County of Humboldt, the seven cities within the county and the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District.

RCEA’s purpose is to develop and implement sustainable energy initiatives that reduce energy demand, increase energy efficiency and advance the use of clean, efficient and renewable resources available in the region.

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1 Queen of Carthage

5 Highway hauler

10 Hulu series, "\_\_\_ Powers"

14 Subj. for an MBA

15 Dustup

16 Moved, nautically

17 Beer bottle count, in a song

19 Fresh way to start

20 Wade noisily

21 Criminal's helper

23 Lofty nest (var.)

24 Vaccine follow-up

25 Designer's concern

27 Most Saudis

30 Work at a keyboard

33 Orion, for one

36 Prefix for hazard

37 Let back in

39 Snake in the grass

41 Grab a bite

42 "Jeopardy!" clue

44 "\_\_\_ goes!"

45 Standing tall

47 Kitchen appliance

49 Shook up

52 Competent

56 Blinking or fidgeting, e.g.

58 Classic board game

59 Mishmash

60 Sung in alternation

62 Doves' home

63 Yo-Yo Ma's instrument

64 Observance

65 Custodian's collection

66 Mournful bell toll

67 Swami

DOWN

1 Slow on the uptake

2 In an aloof way

3 Bloodmobile visitor

4 Like some arguments

5 Have a go at

6 Roadsters

7 Mythical creature

8 \_\_\_ de Mayo

9 Weak in the \_\_\_

10 Shot follower

11 Epithet for a judge

12 State firmly

13 Like a lawn at dawn

18 Fare-well link

22 Skittish move

26 Goatee's locale

28 Bavarian brew

29 Tender

30 Squirrel's home

31 Once around the sun

32 Fatherhood

34 Gym machine

35 Bring in, as pay

38 Lusterless finish

40 "Light My Fire" band

43 Go to the mat

46 Birchbark boats

48 Long cut

50 Racing venue

51 Tablecloth fabric

53 "Sesame Street" regular

54 Talk on and on

55 Polk predecessor

56 Faux

57 Soothing succulent

61 Vote seeker, for short

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## McK CSD set to tackle town-changing business

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MCKINLEYVILLE —The McKinleyville Community Services District Board of Directors and the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee will hold a joint meeting Wednesday, Oct. 23 to discuss the McKinleyville Town Center, incorporation, the new McKinleyville Community Forest and more.

The meeting begins at 6 p.m. at Azalea Hall, 1620 Pickett Rd. in McKinleyville and will be Zoom at 859 4543 6653.

The joint meeting will begin with a vote on a proclamation in appreciation of Kevin Dreyer for 12 years of service on the McKMAC. Dreyer's term recently came to an end and he opted not to apply for a re-appointment. Dreyer was one of the original members of the McKMAC when it was formed by the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors in 2012.

Humboldt County Planning Director John Ford will give the McKMAC an update on the McKinleyville Town Center project. The county is currently preparing a draft environmental impact report, which will include a traffic analysis.

Kevin Jenkins, chair of the McKMAC's McKinleyville Incorporation Exploration Subcommittee, will give a presentation on the subcommittee efforts to gather information on the feasibility of incorporating McKinleyville.

Kirsten Messmer, the MCSD's Parks & Recreation Director, will give a presentation on the new McKinleyville Community Forest.

The meeting will conclude with a discussion lead by MCSD Board President Scott Binder on how the MCSD and McKMAC can work together to give McKinleyville a stronger voice when it comes to county issues.

## Bayside earthquake prep talk

Lori Dengler will talk about earthquake preparedness and lead a discussion at the Humboldt Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Hall on Fellowship Way, off of Jacoby Creek Road in Bayside Sunday, Nov. 3 at 11 a.m. The public is invited.

Lori Dengler is an emeritus professor of geology at Cal Poly Humboldt and an expert in tsunami and earthquake hazards. Since retiring in 2015, she continues to work on North Coast earthquake and tsunami preparedness efforts through the Redwood Coast Tsunami Work Group and nationally as a member of NOAA's Tsunami Science Technical Advisory Panel.

She will discuss preparedness and the role that the Fellowship and individuals can play in helping to create a disaster resilient community.

She will give an overview of hazards, what could happen after an earthquake or flood in the Jacoby Creek area, fundamentals of personal preparedness, resources and steps the Fellowship might explore to expand their role in preparedness and a disaster's aftermath.

Copies of the new edition of the *Living On Shaky Ground* preparedness magazine and tsunami brochures will be available.

## Reception in BL Thursday for Laird photo exhibit

**BLUE LAKE CASINO HOTEL**  
BLUE LAKE — Blue Lake Casino Hotel is proud to announce a special photography exhibit featuring the work of local environmental planner and photographer Aldaron Laird.

A reception for the new exhibit will take place on Thursday, Oct. 24 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Redwood Gallery, located within the Blue Lake Casino Hotel.

Jason Ramos, CEO/Tribal Administrator of Blue Lake Rancheria, expressed his enthusiasm.

"We are honored to showcase the works of Aldaron Laird as part of our commitment to featuring artists who deeply understand and capture the essence of our region," Ramos said. "Aldaron's photography not only beautifies spaces but also tells the important stories of our natural environment and its significance to our heritage."

Laird, who came to Humboldt County 50 years ago, has spent decades exploring the shores, waterways, and landscapes of Wigi, also known as Humboldt Bay.

His work is deeply rooted in environmental stewardship, capturing the nat-

ural beauty of the region through the lens of a camera.

Laird's photography focuses on the intricate relationship between land and water, revealing the subtle yet striking beauty of Wigi as it might appear in a magical, glimmering dream.

This exhibit will showcase select photographs from Laird's recently published book, *A Photographic Exploration of Wigi (currently called Humboldt Bay)*, a stunning visual journey through one of California's most ecologically significant areas.

His work not only captures the essence of Wigi but also serves as a historical record of a landscape on the brink of transformation due to environmental changes such as sea level rise.

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet the artist, view a curated selection of his photography, and learn more about the stories behind each image. The event is free and open to the public.

Copies of Aldaron Laird's book will be available for purchase, with proceeds supporting ongoing environmental conservation efforts in the region.

The Arcata Downtown Merchants Association in a meeting Wednesday night proposed the moving of McKinley's statue to the right side of the Plaza, and the erecting of a bandstand roof over the center of the Plaza... The association also proposed the opening of the east end of Ninth Street, at the Arcata Ball Park, onto the freeway, thus allowing traffic to flow into and from Arcata at that point. — Arcata Union, Oct. 17, 1958

## A message from Mambo, plus the ever-happy, always playful, smiling-smart, brown-eyed Brolin

Mambo (from last week's column) is still waiting for his forever home, but he did have the opportunity to go to the Halloween Block Party out in Blue Lake last weekend. Mambo was stylish in a tuxedo costume and was his usual good-natured self. He says he would like to go to the Block Party again next year with his forever person, in whatever silly outfit they would like him to wear!



❖ DOGTOWN  
Mara Segal

Today's pup is another of the shelter's longest residents. Brolin has taken a different route to earn his spot as the second-longest canine resident. Brolin was lucky enough to go out to foster with the friend of one of our volunteers.

He was in foster for six months, during which time he went to some training classes, spent time on many outdoor adventures and showed what a good boy he was in the home. Brolin also had the chance to come visit at the shelter to try out Dash and Splash.

We had hoped Brolin's foster would become his permanent home, but his job recently transferred him out of state and he wasn't able to take Brolin with him. It was a very sad day when he had to bring Brolin back to the shelter.

We hope that Brolin will find another friend who will have as much fun with him. Brolin's buddy wrote up his experience fostering Brolin:

"Brolin (otherwise known as Brolini) is an incredible pup! I had the opportunity to foster this guy for six months but I wish it had been longer. Brolini is one of the happiest dogs I've met — he always has a smile on his face, a wagging tail, and a 'get after it' attitude. He loves going for walks, riding in the car, running at the beach and makes a great hiking buddy. Brolin is extremely smart and learned a lot in our time together including how to sit, stay, wait to cross the street during walks, and entertain himself throughout the day. While fostering him, I used a soft-crate that he seemed

to enjoy but allowed him free range of the house. Brolin loves to cuddle and loves to get as many pets as possible. Any time I came home he was so excited and so happy to see me, he would come right up to me and roll over on his back to get more belly rubs. In the morning time he loves to get as close as possible and snuggle up with you any chance he can get. He loves all toys that squeak and make noise. Brolin is very outgoing and playful. He has the biggest brown eyes that when you look into, you can't help yourself but squeeze that little face of his and give him all the love you have. He is potty trained and would let me know when he needed to go out. He was well behaved in the house when I was at work. In the car he loved to stick his head out the window and sniff all the smells. He would be an amazing dog for any family and anyone who has an active lifestyle. You will never be lonely when Brolin is with you."

We would add that Brolin is about two years old, a neutered Lab mix who weighs in at about 65 pounds. Brolin has been to the Kinetic Sculpture Race and has had



Brolin (aka Brolini).  
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Redwood Pals volunteers can meet you at another location to see the dog in a different way. It can really make a difference!

## SpaceX | Launch company argues for minimal regulation

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transportation company and satellite manufacturer/operator, which operates the Starlink communications satellite network.

Commissioners' comments, including Wilson's, are included in Musk's 280-page federal court lawsuit, which was filed on Oct. 15.

The document challenges the commission's majority rejection of the launch expansion, arguing that commissioners based the decision on factors that have no relevance to coastal protection.

"The commission's public hearing record indisputably shows overt, and shocking, political bias," the lawsuit says. "There is no pretext—the political basis of the commission's action is plain for all to see."

The U.S. Air Force seeks to increase SpaceX launches at the Vandenberg Space Force base in Southern California, a bid that was up for a Coastal Act consistency determination at the Oct. 10 commission meeting.

SpaceX got a conditional commission sign-off for 36 rocket launches last August.

An increase to 50 launches was on the table and commission staff said a further increase, to 100 launches, is planned for 2025.

Commission staff recommended approving a consistency finding due to a number of conditions, including measures to minimize sonic booms and other effects on wildlife, biological monitoring and formation of a working group to evaluate impacts.

The project applicant is the U.S. Air Force-affiliated Space Force agency but Musk's involvement shadowed the proceedings.

Wilson described Musk as "the richest person in the world with direct control of what could be the most extensive global communication system on the planet."

As noted by Wilson, Musk joined former U.S. President Donald Trump onstage at a recent rally and spoke of "political retribution," using language that Trump is "working to normalize."

He added, "We can't hide from that and we have to push back against that."

A majority of commissioners voted against approving a consistency finding. Despite his comments, Wilson was among the minority of commissioners who voted for it, saying it will keep the commission involved in federal/state agency partnerships.

But his vote didn't spare him from Musk's condemnation.

Days after the commission meeting, Musk demanded that commissioners resign due to "shamelessly breaking the law."

He also posted a compilation video of comments from the meeting, including Wilson's.

Commissioner Gretchen Newsom said SpaceX harasses its employees and has a poor safety record. She scolded Musk's behavior and his "bigoted beliefs against California safeguards and protections of our transgender community."

She added that Musk is "hopping about the country spewing and tweeting

political falsehoods" and pulling a "sick ploy" on hurricane victims by offering them free Starlink Internet access, which she said involves purchase of pricey equipment later followed by fees.

A public comment period included representatives of environmental groups who urged the commission to reject the launch increase.

But Commissioner Susan Lowenberg noted the agreed-upon conditions and said the commission should be involved in their implementation.

"I don't want to lose our seat at the table," she continued.

The commission voted 6 to 4 against the project. Among the dissenters was Commission Chair Caryl Hart, who said there's a lack of information on potential impacts of sonic booms and coastal debris.

But earlier in the hearing, she said Musk has "aggressively injected himself into the presidential race and made it clear what his point of view is" and has run SpaceX "in a way that I find to be very disturbing."

As to the consequences of the decision, commission staff had said mediation can be done to address any concerns.

But the SpaceX lawsuit argues that launches are governable as federal activity, not private, for-profit business and as such, need only comply with state requirements "to the maximum extent practicable."

The lawsuit notes that "no space launch operator has ever applied for or obtained a CDP (Coastal Development Permit)."

## Oversight | Body-worn cam footage will be released

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21-year-old Arcata resident Michael Steelman was using a barbecue.

According to an Arcata Police Department press release, Steelman said he intended to sell food and became "increasingly agitated" when he was told open fires and food sales are illegal without a permit.

The press release said Steelman refused to identify himself, was uncooperative and then "violently resisted" arrest.

Witnessed by multiple people, Steelman was forced to the ground by several officers and charged with felony and misdemeanor counts of resisting arrest.

Those who witnessed it or saw footage of it described the police response as excessive.

One told the council she was with her children when she saw a Plaza business owner "flag down" an officer to report Steelman, who she described as a "beloved Black community member."

"You say police are here to protect and serve but my

children did not witness this, they witnessed the most heinous and terrifying brutality of their lives," she said.

Another speaker was among several who said what happened is indicative of a pervasive problem.

"Can you not see the hypocrisy in this? Can you not see the abhorrent racism in this?" she asked. "Can you not see that the prejudice does not stop with the police, it's deeply-seated in this sick community rife with privilege who are too comfortable turning a blind eye."

Often affirmed by loudly-spoken comments from the audience, other speakers related their experiences of being subjected to profiling and other forms of prejudice.

"I demand that you investigate these officers, that you hold them responsible," said Arcata artist and activist Karpani Burns, as members of the audience shouted "yes!"

"This community needs to know that you have taken responsibility for these officers creating yet another layer — how can I say it — another layer of collective trauma,"

said Karpani, placing her hands over her heart.

Dr. Kintay Johnson, who is co-chair of equity arcata, said he'll bring the issue of police "excessive force" to the group at its next meeting.

During council reports, Councilmember Sarah Schaefer said the incident is "being felt" in the community and she's troubled by it.

Schaefer said business owners have requested that disruptive activities on the Plaza be addressed but "I don't think this is what business owners meant or wanted to see."

Police body-worn camera footage will soon be publicly released, she continued, adding that she's seen it and "I thought it would make me feel better, maybe, and it did not."

Schaefer has done research on cities that have police oversight committees and "it works," she said.

Agendizing and considering formation of an oversight committee is the "absolute bare minimum response we can do in response to what happened."

As apparently skeptical audience members interjected, Schaefer added that the controversy can lead the police department to "engage with the Black community."

She said she plans to write a letter to the district attorney demanding the charges be dropped.

Councilmember Kimberly White said she's also in support of considering an oversight committee.

Also during the public comment period, several residents asked the council to pursue a sister city relationship with Gaza City in Gaza.

They said doing so can spur local action, including efforts to bring more aid to Gaza City residents.

The meeting's agenda included making an appointment to the city's Planning Commission.

There was only one applicant, architect Ashton Hamm, whose appointment was unanimously approved.

She said she has extensive knowledge of "some of the more progressive housing policies that are taking place across California."



Jullia Finkelstein animates the landscape with larger-than-life natural scenes

Valley West has a lot going on in these days, especially in the Carlson Park corner of the neighborhood. In addition to the amazing new playground and re-vamped river access trails, local artist Jullia Finkelstein is working on a new mural that wraps around

the brand-new public restroom, turning it into a vibrant centerpiece for the park.

Finkelstein is a landscaper, gardener and native plant educator, as well as an artist. Her mural features native plants and animals that one might find in the area, with a specific animal highlighted on each wall. A coho salmon swims on the north side, an otter frolics to the west, an egret nests to the south, and a red-legged frog hops to the east.

The mural also highlights plants that are medicinal and/or culturally significant to the area, such as willow and cattails. Finkelstein hopes the mural will enhance children's



Jullia Finkelstein

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environmental education while they play, encouraging awareness of the importance of native species as ecosystems recover.

She believes that highlighting native plants and animals at a scale that is "larger than life" helps her pieces become a conversation starter, while encouraging the community to become more aware of surrounding nature and inspiring park goers to talk to each other about the environment we live within.

Finkelstein uses both spray paint and brush paint for her murals. She noted that she likes spray paint specifically for the background, because it creates great textures and gradations. Later she goes in with a paint brush for more detailed work, such as fur or feathers.

This is not the first mural Finkel-

stein has painted in Humboldt, or even in Valley West.

Standing in front of her new mural in Carlson Park, another one of her murals can be viewed on a fence along Carlson Parkway. This mural also highlights native plants and animals, pairing nicely with her piece on the bath building.

Murals by Finkelstein are scattered throughout our community, including at the Madrone Taphouse in Eureka, the Avenue Cafe in Miranda, the Garberville Skatepark and various private residences. Finkelstein owns the art supply store and gallery "the Epitome Gallery"

in old town Eureka, where you can find her work, alongside many other talented artists.

Finkelstein's art is currently featured at Redwood Curtain Brewery on South G Street in Arcata through November, with an exhibit highlighting marsh related animals.

When asked about how new artists should get into mural work in our community, Finkelstein advises folks to paint as much as they possibly can. Quoting a painting teacher she once had, Finkelstein said, "If you want to be a good painter, paint 1,000 paintings." She emphasized that mural work takes confidence and that it feels good to be proud of a well executed mural that the public will see for a long time.

The mural wrapping around the bathroom at Carlson Park was made possible through a program



BEAUTEOUS BEASTS Jullia Finkelstein's wildlife visions beautify the new Carlson Park restroom, above and left.

PHOTOS BY NEROLI DEVANEY | ALL THINGS ART called Art Around Arcata. The program of the City of Arcata brought Playhouse Arts on as a collaborative partner and liaison to local artists. Art Around Arcata provides opportunities for the public to experience high quality art of enduring value that reflects the diversity of the region served by the City of Arcata. They did an open call for artists this summer, and Finkelstein was one of the grant recipients.

You can learn more about this program at [cityofarcata.org/1025/Art-Around-Arcata](http://cityofarcata.org/1025/Art-Around-Arcata).

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Enjoy radical hospitality at the McK Death Café

Dr. Gina Belton, Ph.D, is an associate professor specializing in mind-body medicine and contemplative end-of-life care at Saybrook University. With expertise in aging, caregiving and grief support, she practices palliative psychology, helping individuals navigate life-limiting illnesses and end-of-life transitions.



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Dr. Belton's approach combines Indigenous wisdom, depth psychology, and contemplative methods to support living, aging, and dying. She is the founder of Death Café, Humboldt.

Based out of Arcata, Dr. Belton creates a unique and transformative space known as the Death Café. Hosted at various venues within Northern Humboldt, these gathering invites individuals to come together, drink tea, eat cake and engage in open discussions about death.

The aim is to increase awareness of mortality and help people make the most of their finite lives. Dr. Belton has hosted many of these cafés, with several

of them being at Cal Poly Humboldt in pre-pandemic years. These cafes are not only in Humboldt; they are conducted in and outside of the U.S.

Dr. Belton, an end of life community educator and grief specialist, emphasizes the importance of "living, aging, dying, and grieving well." Her approach is rooted in the belief that by confronting and understanding death, individuals can lead more fulfilling lives.

The Death Café is not just about discussing death; it's about exploring what death can teach us about living fully. Participants are encouraged to share their thoughts, fears and experiences in a supportive and non-judgmental environment.

This radical hospitality, as Dr. Belton calls it, helps tend to the stories and emotions that arise at the end of life. Through these gatherings, Dr. Belton hopes to transform the way people perceive and approach death, fostering a community that supports each other in both life and death.

Dr Belton hosts a Death Café at the McKinleyville Senior Center on Wednesday, Nov. 13 from 11 to 12:30 a.m. By donation only, and all are welcome. We hope to see you there!

We are once again partnering with Redwood Community Pharmacy in hosting a vaccination clinic, also on Wednesday, Nov. 13 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Seasonal flu shots and COVID boosters will be available, and pre-registration is highly suggested. Call (707) 839-0191 for more information.



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VW Resilience Hub grand opening, budget event

CUNA  
ARCATA – Community United of North Arcata (CUNA) invites the public to join the celebration of our grand opening of the CUNA Resilience Hub/Family Resource Center and our Final Participatory Budget Voting Event for Valley West Improvements, Saturday, Nov. 2 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at 4700 Valley East Blvd.

This event will feature a ribbon-cutting ceremony, music and a community taquiza (taco fiesta) hosted by Los Giles Taqueria and a Dia de Los Muertos theme.

The Resilience Hub, funded by a \$100,000 grant from PG&E, will act as a support center providing emergency preparedness training, a place to gather during a disaster, pick up emergency supplies, food and water, charge devices, let family and friends know you are safe and next steps. During non-emergency times, it will be a community gathering space and will operate as a Family Resource Center providing essential services and educational resources.

As part of the celebration, attendees will witness the final Participatory Budgeting Process Voting Event, where community members deepen democracy and engage with this community driven design to help decide how to spend \$25,000 ARPA (American Relief Program Act) funds allocated by the City of Arcata for beautification and community connectivity for the Valley West community.

This event reflects CU-



NA's mission to empower and represent this traditionally underserved community.

Through initiatives like the Resilience Hub, CUNA is fostering stronger ties between residents, local businesses, and city government, ensuring a brighter future for the area.

CUNA, a grassroots bilingual project working towards building a better-represented Valley West.

Come join us for an evening of community, food and celebration!

CUNA organizara una Ceremonia de Corte de Cinta y el Evento Final de Votacion del Presupuesto Participativo para las Mejoras de Valley West

ARCATA – 16 de octubre de 2024 – La Comunidad Unida del Norte de Arcata (CUNA) invita al público a celebrar la gran inauguración del Centro de Recursos Familiares/Centro de Resiliencia de CUNA y el Evento Final de Votación del Presupuesto Participativo para las Mejoras de Valley West el sábado 2 de noviembre, de 5:30 a 8:30 p.m. en 4700 Valley East Blvd.

El evento contará con una ceremonia de corte de cinta, música en vivo y una taquiza comunitaria organizada por Los Giles Taqueria y una temática de Día de los Muertos.

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**GROUNDBREAKERS** Jeff Good, vice president, division manager, for Swinerton; Danielle Martin Spicer, studio principal for AC Martin; Mike Fisher, acting vice president for Administration & Finance and associate vice president for Facilities Management, Cal Poly Humboldt; Michael E. Spagna, interim president, Cal Poly Humboldt; Jenn Capps, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, Cal Poly Humboldt; Eric Riggs, dean of the College of Natural Resources & Sciences, Cal Poly Humboldt; Eileen Cashman, chair of the School of Engineering, Cal Poly Humboldt; Dale Oliver, chair of Computer Science, Cal Poly Humboldt. Below, a rendering of the planned building. CAL POLY HUMBOLDT IMAGES

Cal Poly breaks ground on Engineering & Tech Building

**CAL POLY HUMBOLDT**  
CAL POLY HUMBOLDT – Cal Poly Humboldt officials led a ceremony on Thursday celebrating the start of construction of the Engineering & Technology building on campus.

The university’s first major academic infrastructure project since 2008, the building will emphasize student-centered learning and sustainable design. The \$100 million project was made possible with one-time funding from the historic \$458 million investment in the university’s polytechnic effort.

The building will house the School of Engineering and its five high-demand bachelor’s and master’s programs: Energy Systems Engineering, Engineering & Community Practice, Environmental Resources Engineering, Environmental Systems and Mechanical Engineering. It will also accommodate the Computer Science and Software Engineering degree programs.

The building’s innovative design is a nod to the university’s history, natural surroundings and future as the first polytechnic in Northern California. The prominent wood and glass of the structure embraces the regional heritage and university’s character, as well as its expertise in natural resources. The design also brings the structure to street level—an adjustment that gives the building a prominent and welcoming presence while increasing the line of sight from the main entrance to campus.

Several design elements connect indoor and outdoor spaces, and will present a dramatic new presence to visitors and prospective students of campus.

The state-of-the-art facility will highlight the university’s long-standing commitment to sustainable practices. Rather than being made of steel, the beams are mass timber sourced from the Pacific Northwest. The structural system is estimated to provide a cost savings of \$1.3 million in comparison to a more typical approach, and dramatically reduce the carbon footprint of the building when compared to steel or concrete construction. This will be the university’s first mass timber building.

The project is designed to achieve Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold standards. Proposed sustainability features include high-efficiency irrigation, water-efficient plumbing and energy-efficient lighting and appliances. Its rooftop will have solar panels consistent with CSU Sustainability Policy and will be integrated into the future campus microgrid system.

Designed to foster interaction across disciplines, most of the building’s classrooms and labs will be used for everything from classes to meetings. An interdisciplinary makerspace will also feature wood and metal shops, project storage and fabrication spaces.

**Fast Facts**

- **Funding:** \$100 million project was made possible with one-time funding from the historic \$458 million investment in the University’s



polytechnic effort.

- **Dimensions:** 74,000 square-foot, three-story structure
- **Design:** AC Martin
- **Construction:** Swinerton
- **Location:** Northeast corner of B and 17th streets, the current site of the campus events field.
- **Opening:** Summer 2026 in time for Fall instruction.

“This is an incredible moment in our polytechnic’s promise to deliver transformational learning spaces to support the success of our students. I’m proud of the collaborative, student centered approach we have taken in arriving at this moment,” says Jenn Capps, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, Cal Poly Humboldt.

“The new Engineering and Technology Building

is much more than a building—this project is central to the significant expansion of Cal Poly Humboldt’s academic programs, which will positively impact the North Coast community and beyond for decades to come. We’re grateful for the vision and partnership of Cal Poly Humboldt and the collaborative spirit of AC Martin and all our consultants, trade partners and suppliers,” says Jeff Good, vice president, division manager, for builder Swinerton.

“Our collaborative design-build team with Swinerton, driven by a shared commitment to providing an exceptional hands-on learning environment, has created not only a building to serve the campus and the College of Natural Resources & Sci-

ences, but also the first mass timber academic building for the CSU,” says Danielle Martin Spicer, studio principal for AC Martin, the building’s designer. “We are thrilled to have collaborated with a dedicated client and a team that puts project priorities first. This project emphasizes AC Martin’s dedication to innovation, collaboration and the highest standards of environmental stewardship.”

For more information about additional academic and infrastructure projects that the University plans as part of its polytechnic build-out, visit [humboldt.edu/](http://humboldt.edu/)

HAUNTED KINETIC LAB

**KINETIC SCULPTURE LAB**  
ARCATA — Humboldt’s most twisted tradition is back again this year for frightful fun! The Haunted Kinetic Lab of Horrors, a one-of-a-kind Halloween event, returns to the Kinetic Sculpture Lab, 820 Eighth St. at N Street, Arcata (Creamery District).

Thursday through Saturday, Oct. 24, 25, 26 and Thursday, Oct. 31, Halloween. Get ready for a spine-tingling journey through a haunted lab where terrifying surprises and creepy creations await.

This year’s event promises to be the most horrifying yet, with an immersive guided tour through the Lab’s dark corners and twisted rooms. You will encounter the Lab’s unwanted “guests” — monstrous experiments, bizarre sculptures, creepy clowns and live creatures lurking in every shadow. Live music every night, the haunted atmosphere will be amplified as you make your way through this one-of-a-kind, artist-designed horror show.

Enjoy food food trucks while you wait, and an eerie vibe created live music every night. Tickets are \$15 at the gate (cash only). Recommended for ages 13-plus.

Proceeds benefit the Kinetic Sculpture Lab, helping six teams to compete in the Kinetic Grand Championship — the original triathlon of the art world — where artists and engineers compete with their human-powered art sculptures each Memorial Day weekend.

Unlike typical haunted houses, this event is conceived and built by artists, making it a unique, creative and thrilling experience. Groups of four to six will be guided through synchronized “stages” featuring elaborate lighting, sound, special effects, and dark humor that will scare even the bravest souls. **WARNING:** This haunted experience is not for the faint of heart. Participants should be prepared for intense scares, strobe lights, loud noises, darkness and a cast of terrifying creatures that will haunt your nightmares long after you’ve escaped. Parental discretion is advised.

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County lobbies leaders to approve new and delayed disaster relief

COUNTY OIF HUMBOLDT

HUMBOLDT – The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors last week joined with Representative Jared Huffman and other Congressional officials to urge leadership in the U.S. House of Representatives to reconvene its members and approve new disaster relief funding in response to another season of unprecedented natural disasters.

As federal, state and local officials and first responders continue to prioritize recovery efforts in areas hit by recent hurricanes, it has become obvious that additional funding is needed not only for these events but also for prior disasters across the country, including Humboldt County.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) manages more than 100 open disasters at any one time, and while the agency funds some immediate

response efforts during a time of emergency, a significant portion of its funding is dedicated to reimbursing activities related to prior disasters.

According to its monthly reports to Congress, FEMA is still reimbursing disasters from as far back as 2005. With additional funding, FEMA will be able to continue funding current response efforts as well as reimburse open projects from prior disasters.

“Our hearts go out to the people in the Southeast, many of whom have had their lives turned upside down by these hurricanes,” said Rex Bohn, chair of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors. “People are in need of immediate help, and I know local governments in those areas need it too in order to respond



Jared Huffman

and begin the long recovery process. At the same time there are lots of communities around the nation that have been waiting for years for disaster funds. Congress needs to get back in session immediately to provide the resources we all need.”

FEMA’s September Monthly Disaster Relief Fund report noted that the agency spent roughly \$47 billion in fiscal year 2024 on past storms.

However, Humboldt County continues to have several open roads-related disaster projects with FEMA that have not received funding and would benefit from Congress approving additional disaster relief.

Until FEMA obtains sufficient appropriations, Humboldt County must wait to receive more than \$11

million in reimbursements from two events alone in 2017 and 2019.

The winter storms of 2017 damaged more than 400 sites across the county road system. Work to repair the roads has largely been completed, and while the county already paid for this work years ago, it still awaits roughly \$7 million in federal reimbursements. The winter storms of 2019 also caused significant damage. FEMA reimbursement for that event is estimated at \$4 million.

There have been two other federally declared emergencies in Humboldt County since 2019 with estimated reimbursements totaling nearly \$5 million, though actual payments to Humboldt likely remain years away.

“This is the exact scenario our Board talked about when we decided to put Measure O on the ballot, playing out in front of our eyes; constant states of natural

disasters and constant gridlock in Congress when it comes to funding emergency road repair,” said Second District Supervisor Michelle Bushnell. “Our roads are suffering the brunt of these disasters and the status quo is just going to end up in failed local roads. We need Congress to come back immediately and approve this funding so we can finally be reimbursed for some of these years-old roads projects.”

These claims do not represent all of the recent disasters that have affected county roads.

Some disasters did not reach federal thresholds for damage to warrant a federal emergency declaration, including the December 2022 earthquakes, this year’s winter storms that pushed the Mad River to its highest levels in 60 years, closing roadways across the county, and the landslide at Fleener Creek.

County Measure O impartial analysis

MEASURE O – IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS  
HUMBOLDT COUNTY COUNSEL  
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT  
TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX MEASURE

Measure O is a one percent transactions and use tax proposed by the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors. Commonly referred to as a “sales tax,” a transactions and use tax is a tax on the gross receipts of any retailer for the sale of tangible personal property, and a tax on the consumption and use of tangible personal property purchased for which a transactions tax was not paid, typically for an out-of-state purchase.

Measure O would apply throughout the entire county, including both the unincorporated area of the county and within each incorporated city.

If Measure O passes, the sales tax throughout the unincorporated county will be raised to 8.75 percent. In Arcata, Ferndale, Fortuna and Trinidad the sales tax will be 9.5 percent. In Rio Dell and Blue Lake it will be 9.75 percent, while in Eureka it will be 10.25 percent.

Measure O requires the approval of a simple majority of the voters voting in the election to pass.

The County estimates the tax will raise \$24,000,000 annually. If the voters approve

Measure O, the tax will become operative April 1, 2025, and continue in place perpetually unless repealed by the voters at a subsequent election. The tax would be collected by the state along with other sales taxes and be remitted to the county. The state would take a small fee for its administrative expenses.

The ballot question bears the title “Humboldt County Roads, 911 Emergency Response Measure.” The question lists several specific uses under the umbrella of maintaining 911 response times and preparing for natural disasters, including repairing deteriorating roads, fixing potholes, maintaining evacuation routes, bus services, and becoming eligible for Humboldt’s fair share of state and federal roads funding. These are best considered the County’s stated intentions for the funds. Legally, Measure O is a general tax which may be spent on any general government purposes. This is why the vote threshold is a simple majority, rather than the two-thirds vote required of a special tax, which is legally restricted to specific uses.

Measure O creates a Citizen’s Oversight Committee to conduct annual audits of the expenditures of revenues generated by the tax. This committee may be the County’s existing audit committee, or another committee designated by the Board of Supervisors.

Humboldt Progressive Dems endorse Measure O infrastructure restoration

HUMBOLDT PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATS

HUMBOLDT – Humboldt Progressive Democrats have endorsed Measure O “Humboldt County’s Roads/911 Emergency Response Measure.” This measure is included in the ballot for the November General Election, which has been mailed to all registered voters in the county. The vote was unanimous after discussion of the measure’s conditions and questions answered by proponents Supervisor Steve Madrone, Deputy County Administrative Officer Sean Quincey and Public Works Director Tom Mattson.

With the ever-increasing costs of maintaining our deteriorating county roads due to deferred maintenance, now is the time to bring our infrastructure up to acceptable standards. The situation is even more dire in the face of disaster preparedness and emergency response needed as climate change brings more extreme weather events to our rural region. Delayed access from first responders and fire crews is a matter of public safety first and foremost.

HPD also noted that the 1 cent tax would not impact such key necessities as rent, groceries, prescription drugs, and medical/dental services. It will, however, give Humboldt



the resources to access millions more in state and federal matching funds to fix and repair our roads. Finally, there is more than adequate citizen oversight and accountability for the uses of these additional funds for the designated purposes.

“For rural parts of Humboldt County, our roads are our lifeline. Investing in local infrastructure will pay off in the long run with lower costs for vehicle maintenance and ensured access to rural properties.” -Sarah Brooks, Southern Humboldt resident.

Humboldt Progressive Democrats is an official Democratic Party Club, chartered by the Humboldt County Central Committee. We are grassroots, progressive activists mobilizing political participation for social, environmental and economic justice. Our vision is a free, open, transparent election process where electeds, candidates and legislation can focus on achieving public needs, free from corporate money and influence. Please join us in making progressive change locally and beyond.

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Arcata Fire District explains Measure M

ARCATA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
MCKINLEYVILLE – The Arcata Fire Protection District has placed a ballot measure on the upcoming 2024 General Election. The District would like to take this opportunity to explain the purpose of Measure M.

Measure M is a proposal from the Board of Directors of the Arcata Fire Protection District to allow for an increase of the District’s annual appropriations limit to the extent that the revenues received from the District’s existing special tax exceed the appropriations limit for any particular year.

Measure M is not a new tax, does not extend any existing tax, and does not raise tax rates.

Measure M is made necessary by Proposition 4, adopted in 1979, which added Article XIII B to the California Constitution. The article limits the amount of money a local government can appropriate in each year. The cap is



then adjusted annually for cost of living and population growth. When a government implements a new tax, as the Arcata Fire District did in 2020 with Measure F, the limit often needs to be raised in order for the government to appropriate (utilize) the new money generated from the voter approved 2020 special tax.

The Constitution allows the government to raise this limit with voter approval for a maximum of four years at a time. In 2020, Measure F raised the limit for four years.

If the voters approve Measure M, the appropriations limit would be increased for four more years. This allows the District to spend the full value of the funds generated as was intended by the voters in 2020. Measure M requires a simple majority to pass.

If you have any questions, please contact the Arcata Fire District at (707) 825-2000.

AFD Measure M impartial analysis

MEASURE M – IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS  
HUMBOLDT COUNTY COUNSEL  
ARCATA FIRE MEASURE TO INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT

Measure M is a proposal from the Board of Directors of the Arcata Fire Protection District to increase the District’s annual appropriations limit in the amount of the taxes collected from Measure F, a special tax approved by the voters in 2020. The appropriations limit is the maximum amount a government is allowed to budget, and therefore spend, in a particular year.

Not all funds are subject to this limit, but most are.

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adjusted for cost of living and population growth.

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The Constitution allows a government to raise this limit with voter approval for a maximum of four years. Measure F raised the limit for four years. Now the District is asking the voters to approve another increase for four more years.

The Measure requires approval of a simple majority of the voters voting in the election to pass.

If voters reject this Measure, it may result in the District raising tax revenues in excess of its appropriations limit. If this were to happen, Article XIII B, Section 2 requires the District return the money by revising the tax rates or fee schedules.

Impartial analysis of Kneeland Measure D shows apparent violations of Calif. Government Code

MEASURE D – IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS  
HUMBOLDT COUNTY COUNSEL  
KNEELAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT SPECIAL TAX FOR FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Measure D is a special tax ordinance placed on the ballot by the Board of Directors of the Kneeland Fire Protection District (“the District”). As a “special tax,”

Measure D must be approved by two-thirds of the voters voting in the election, and the funds raised may only be used for the specified purposes in the ordinance, which are stated in Sections 1.A and 1.B in the ordinance. These purposes include ongoing fire suppression activities, emergency medical care, “other services related to the protection of lives and property,” as well as the creation of a reserve fund to be built up over time, the allowed use of which is undefined.

While the ordinance does have a statement indicating the special purpose of the tax, it does not have an explicit requirement that the proceeds of the tax be applied only to that special purpose. This is a violation of Government Code Section 50075.1(b).

Furthermore, the ordinance does not require the creation of a special account into which all the proceeds must be deposited. This is a violation of Government Code Section 50075.1(c).

Voters of the District previously approved two special taxes, one in 1990 and one in 2014.

Measure D proposes to replace those taxes with a new tax. Therefore, if Measure D passes, there will be a single special tax for the District.

Measure D would impose a “parcel tax” on property within the District. A vacant parcel would receive an annual tax of \$100 per year; an improved parcel, \$180; vacant contiguous parcels under common ownership, \$220; commercial and industrial parcels, \$300; and multi-family parcels, \$250. There is a hardship waiver process which allows landowners with very low incomes to apply for an exemption.

The distinction between an “improved” parcel and a “commercial/industrial” parcel is unclear in the ordinance, as the definition of “improved” includes “a business” and “utility building,” whereas commercial/industrial is undefined. There is no indication at what size or intensi-

ty a business or a utility building becomes “commercial/industrial” rather than an “improvement.”

“Multi-family” is also undefined, which could lead to disagreements about the proper tax for a home with an accessory dwelling unit. The ordinance provides that in determining the appropriate tax to apply to a parcel, the District will use the best available information, such as assessor parcel use codes, assessed value, building permits issued by the County and site information collected by the District. That framework leaves significant ambiguity and the potential for disagreements. There is a procedure to appeal or protest the District’s determination of the appropriate tax.

The tax would be subject to an annual inflation adjustment of up to three percent. The tax would be placed on the tax rolls and be collected by the Humboldt County Tax Collector in the same manner as ad valorem property taxes, with the same penalties for delinquency. If approved by the voters, the tax will be imposed for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and annually thereafter with no defined end-date.

Peninsula Measure E emergency service parcel tax impartial analysis

MEASURE E – IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS  
HUMBOLDT COUNTY COUNSEL  
PENINSULA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT SPECIAL TAX FOR FIRE PROTECTION AND RESCUE SERVICES

Measure E is a special tax ordinance placed on the ballot by the Board of Directors of the Peninsula Community Services District (“the District”). As a “special tax,” Measure E must be approved by two-thirds of the voters voting in the election, and the funds raised may only be used for the specified purposes in the ordinance.

The ordinance provides that the proceeds of the tax may be used “solely for the purpose of providing fire protection, rescue and emergency medical services within the District.” In particular, the special tax will be used to “maintain and improve the current level of community-based fire protection services provided by the District.”

The tax would be effective for the current fiscal year (2024-2025) and would be repealed

by operation of law on June 30, 2031. The ordinance requires the tax either be collected by the County in the same manner as other property taxes, or, in the discretion of the District, the District may directly bill and collect the tax. Pursuant to Government Code Section 26911, a special district tax for the current fiscal year would have had to have been submitted to the County Auditor by August 10 in order to be placed on the secured tax roll. Therefore, the tax cannot be collected by the county this year and the District will have to bill and collect the tax directly.

The proposed tax would place a parcel tax on 13 categories of taxable parcels, ranging from \$30 per parcel for unimproved property to \$910 per parcel for improved industrial and larger retail properties. The list of categories and their assigned charge, as well as definitions of each category, can be found in Section 3 of the ordinance. The ordinance contains a procedure to appeal the District’s determination of the nature and use of a parcel.



# OPINION

❖ Sign your letter to the *Mad River Union* with a real name and a city of origin, plus a phone number (which won't be published) for identity verification and send it to [opinion@madriverunion.com](mailto:opinion@madriverunion.com). Also, make paragraphs, spell check, don't double space and don't capitalize random words. Basically, don't use Marian punctuation and everything will be fine.

## What they think you ought to think, reflected in a few drops of ink

### No more polling places in Blue Lake

For the first time in the almost 50 years that we've been voting in Blue Lake, there will be no place to vote in-person in our city. As far as we know, the Registrar has not made any efforts to alert Blue Lake voters to the change.

We only happened to notice it when we read the list of polling places in the Voter Information Guide and realized Blue Lake was no longer on it.

Today, we talked to four friends about this – all highly-engaged, politically aware, committed Blue Lake voters - and not one of them knew that Blue Lake would have no place to vote in-person on Nov. 5.

We're concerned that on Nov. 5, some voters will go to Prash Hall – last years' polling place – expecting to vote, but it will be closed. It may be too late for them to make other plans, and their votes won't be counted. The drop-off and mailing deadlines are not well-understood, particularly by last-minute voters. Elections in Blue Lake are often decided by only a few votes and this could have a huge impact on our highly-contested city council election.

We think the County is obligated to reach out and inform Blue Lake voters immediately that there will not be a polling place in town on Nov. 5. And we hope our Supervisors Mike Wilson and Steve Madrone and other elected officials will advocate to restore the Incorporated City of Blue Lake's polling place for the next election.

Lin and David Glen  
Blue Lake

### Vote Yes on Measure O

Join me in Voting YES on Measure O. Spending my family's money on County roads is not sexy; I take for granted that infrastructure maintenance happens and I don't have to give it any thought (or additional money). But after Public Work's Director Tom Mattson's presentation at the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee on the state of our roads and *why* they are in such disrepair, I'm willing to pitch in to support my community.

Lack of available road funding is not a result of County fund mismanagement, fraud or conspiracy, as has been suggested by some on our local social media feeds. That's the easy, dare I say lazy way out, to blame "the government." The real reason is more complex, as are most issues that end up on the wrong end of a conspiracy theory. Anyone who has worked for local government probably knows the term "unfunded mandate" which translates to the fact that state and federal governments pass down required duties to local government, often with delayed and inadequate funding. Case in point, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursements for natural disasters can take upwards of ten years to be received. Humboldt County is currently owed somewhere near \$10,000,000 from FEMA for Public Works alone. And whether (weather) or not you believe in climate change, our rural area is seeing more frequent natural disasters and therefore spending more to keep our roads passable.

Probably the biggest influence on my decision to vote YES on O is that a great deal of the funds will be used as a match that enable us to drawn down millions of additional state and federal dollars, funds that area already being accessed by wealthier urban counties, think L.A. and San Francisco. And we again will have a citizens oversight committee to provide accountability.

Let's get our fair share of these outside funds and help our hard-working folks at Public Works finally access the funding they need to address long overdue repairs critical to maintaining our rural roads and ultimately our way of life.

Lisa Dugan  
McKinleyville

### No on O, and why

Reasons I am voting No on O:

- Road repair and maintained 911 response times are not guaranteed by revenue from this sales tax.
- The county's own Impartial Analysis puts forth that Measure O is a general tax, which legally can be spent on *any* general government purpose the county wants to fund.
- This proposed 1 percent sales tax impacts families' ability to provide for their own needs.
- This 1 percent sales tax could also negatively impact retail business sales.
- This sales tax is an added tax.

Chad Sefcik  
McKinleyville

### ❖ LETTERS

#### Vote Harris, not Trump

I am writing this letter to express my view that voters should vote for Harris and not Trump in the upcoming election. First, a quote from Jimi Hendrix: "When the power of love overcomes the love of power, then the world will know peace." (By the way, Jimi was in the 101st Airborne in the early '60s.) Power is what motivates Trump, as well as the fear of facing jail time. Staying in power is what motivates many of his Republican supporters in Congress that know better. And money is what has motivated Fox News to support them. Voters, please use your common sense. Let me explain. Trump denies that he lost the 2020 election in spite of the fact that there were about 60 court cases lost by Trump

apealing the matter, many in front of Republican judges. Republican Brad Raffinsperger, Secretary of State from the swing state of Georgia did his duty telling Trump he lost the election after he was pressured to come up with 11,780 votes by Trump. On January 6th Trump threw his own Vice President Mike Pence (a devout Christian, by the way) under the bus for doing his Constitutional duty in certifying the election. (And many evangelicals for Trump please remember that Jesus did not like hypocrites.) I feel sad about Ashley Babbitt, formerly in the Air Force, being killed at the Capitol. She probably felt she was doing the right thing being there. But I blame Trump along with his misinformation for whipping up the crowd into a frenzy and putting her in that position while making no move to stop it when it was underway. All based on a lie to hold power. And don't forget the police defenders of the Capital who were under siege and injured or worse.

With regards to misinformation, hurricanes do not differentiate between Trump voters and Harris voters, and that's how science works too regarding facts and the truth. I brought up Fox news because they felt compelled to settle a lawsuit by Dominion, maker of voting machines, when Fox said they were unreliable. Fox paid out 787 million dollars to settle rather than go to court, probably because they thought they would lose and have to pay more. I am glad Harris is to be interviewed on Fox. Maybe things will change for the better. When I was back with my cousins in North Carolina interring the ashes of my parents and sister, after she died in 2020, my cousin and her husband had Fox on all the time. They and other cousins were for Trump, as well as my good buddy Jack from my hometown Philadelphia. We didn't talk much politics but I think they knew I wasn't for Trump. Regardless we all love each other as family.

With regards to Ukraine, Trump wants that country to settle. Should it do so by giving up Crimea, not to mention other eastern territory occupied by Russia? Should we have given up Hawaii after December 7th 1941? Do we really want America to be a dictatorship, even for a day? A vote for Trump is a vote for Putin, not the United States of America. With regards to the Supreme Court, the presumption should be that all Americans are equal in that no one is above the law of blind justice. With regards to immigration, Trump shot down the most conservative bi-partisan border legislation for the sole purpose of campaigning on the issue. With regards to abortion, the immorality of making a child carry a pregnancy due to rape or incest should be a factor, as well as the rights of a woman to control her own body in consultation with her doctor rather than a politician.

Speaking of women, I remember the morning after Trump was elected President in 2016 my neighbors found stickers on their car stating "Grab them by the p---y.", (a Trump quote) because they had a vote for Clinton sticker on the car. It was probably done by male teens or young adults, I guess because they felt empowered to do it. But people of voting age should grab a hold of their rationality, and vote accordingly. And to those who want to vote for third party candidates or not want to vote for Harris, protesting the Gaza situation I would say, please

give her (with the emphasis on her) a chance to try and work things out because Trump is not the answer. Ok, I'll get off my soapbox. Thanks for listening.

George Green  
Arcata

#### MTG and weather

Marjorie Taylor Green is right about controlling the weather.

She makes hurricanes every time she starts her car, lights her stove, heats her house or flies to D.C.

Good luck to all of us. Vote like your life depends on it.

Christopher MacKinney  
Fieldbrook

### Beware Medicare Advantage

If we want to build on the promise of Medicare, then we are going to have to grapple directly with the power of corporate health insurance. That starts with taking on the so-called "Medicare Advantage" program. Insurance industry greed means that Medicare Advantage costs taxpayers more money while providing less care to patients. The program is abundant with accusations of fraud and bad behavior. Patients speak of feeling duped by aggressive telemarketers and ads making false accusations. Several companies have been fined, or sued, and agreed to take large settlements. Medicare Advantage insurers are taking your tax dollars for conditions they are not treating.

While the premiums may be lower in Medicare Advantage, the drawbacks are significant, leading to higher costs and health crises despite differences in geography and social and economic status. Customers who are typically low income and from diverse populations who cannot afford the premiums for traditional Medi-

care are forced to gamble on their health hoping that they will stay well enough that they will not need care and knowing that if they do, they will likely face financial and bureaucratic obstacles.

Medicare Advantage has high copays, deductibles, and fees that enrollees are not aware of in advance. This often leads to catastrophic out-of-pocket costs that are a surprise to customers.

Medicare Advantage has a limited network of providers who accept their coverage. 70 percent of physicians are excluded from the network. They also have limited prescription drugs covered by their plans making needed care difficult to find.

Medicare Advantage has pre-authorization denials and denials of claims for care received. There were 35 million requests in 2021 for prior authorization. 20.5 million hours are wasted filling out authorization forms and fighting with insurers to get necessary paperwork approved. 22 percent of claims are denied. Patients found once they became sick, accessing care through Medicare Advantage became an onerous ordeal of drawn-out appeals or legal threats, hidden charges, and compromises to the quality of their care while leaving patients with unaffordable bills they assumed would be covered. Investigations into claim details found that insurers were denying treatment and tests that should be covered under Medicare.

Medicare Advantage has delays and bureaucracy in approving coverage. For those suffering from painful or life-limiting conditions, this can have devastating impacts on physical and mental health. There is a higher mortality rate after surgery on a Medicare

Advantage Plan and the customer is less likely to use recognized Cancer Centers.

Medicare Advantage has an upcoding practice which is an industry practice in which patients are assigned more severe diagnoses in an attempt to overbill Medicare for their care. Eight out of ten of the biggest insurers have submitted inflated claims. These overcharges are costing Americans over \$140 billion a year. These ripoffs are draining the Medicare Trust Fund.

Medicare operates on a 2 percent administrative fee while Medicare Advantage operates on a 13 percent to 18.5 percent administrative fee. It is clear that as long as we continue to allow private insurers to profit from Medicare Advantage, they will continue not only to exploit their customers, but to line their pockets with taxpayer money, putting additional strain on the finances of the entire Medicare program. Medicare Advantage plans are expensive to operate.

Insurance agents are rewarded for promoting Medicare Advantage. On a Medicare Advantage Plan they receive an initial commission of \$880 and a renewal commission of \$440 per year. On a Drug Plan they receive an initial commission of \$209 and a renewal commission of \$105 per year that the customer pays out of their pocket to the insurance company. Where we see middlemen standing between patients and the care they need, we should remove them.

Over 50 percent of Medicare beneficiaries now have nonprofit corporations in charge of their care through Medicare Advantage. Insurance companies are paid handsomely for these plans and much of the money goes to corporate profits instead of care. These companies running Medicare Advantage plans want to take over Medicare entirely leaving you with no option but to give your money to private insurers.

Medicare Advantage is preventing Americans from getting expanded benefits from real Medicare including dental, vision, and hearing services. Medicare for All is a better deal for patients, taxpayers, and providers.

1) Medicare for All would cover all services for all patients without any copays, deductibles, or spending limits. Coverage would be the same whether a patient has high-cost needs, multiple conditions, or any other special circumstances. 2) Medicare for All would eliminate the profit incentives that lead insurers to engage in corrupt and dangerous practices like upcoding and denial of care saving taxpayers money while providing better care for all beneficiaries. 3) Medicare for All would eliminate networks and enable free choice of any provider or hospital, ensuring that patients get the care they need, from wherever they need it. 4) Medicare for All would eliminate hundreds of billions of dollars in administrative spending, and free up thousands of hours of providers and hospitals to spend on care instead of billing and paperwork.

Winchell Dillenbeck  
McKinleyville

### Red carpet care at Mad River Hospital

I am a delightful 77 years of age. On the 2nd of August I slipped on my wet apartment floor and fell badly. I shattered my left arm from shoulder to wrist. I had to slide on my back to reach my phone to call my Aussie boyfriend to drive down from the top of Fickle Hill to take me to the emergency room at Mad River Hospital. After X-rays, it was thought by some that I would need surgery. A lovely and caring nurse put a splint and bandage on me and told me to have some ice cream on the way home.

Next day I went to see orthopedic surgeon Dr. Mickel who said that time and Mother Nature would heal my arm. He described the nature of the healing that was taking place. Interesting.

I live alone in Valley West and am independent to a fault. The fault being that I have a high threshold to pain and allowed myself to bear the pain of the splint cutting a deep hole in my arm. When I next saw Dr. Mickel he took that splint off and turned me over to wound care at Mad River Hospital.

So I have been going to wound care three times a week and receiving red carpet care. Jose, Shannon, Dulcie, Imelda, Dr. Taylor; all have treated me with such loving kindness and professional understanding.

I can honestly say that my injury has benefited me. Thank you Mad River Hospital.

Maureen Kane  
Arcata

I REALLY LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR PAPERS ARRIVAL. IT'S THE BEST WAY TO FIND OUT WHAT IS GOING ON IN OUR COMMUNITIES.

KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK ON OUR PAPER. YOU ALL REALLY ROCK. THANK YOU

Hells!

Sending along my check for my renewal to the Mad River Union.

I enjoy the newspaper and look forward to many more years of timely local coverage.

Keep up the great work!

Best Wishes



SCENE

HALLOWEEN

Dead Acres

The Blue Lake Casino is offering up a Dead Acres Haunted Maze Fridays and Saturdays from 6 to 10 p.m. for the next two weekends and also on Halloween, Thursday, Oct. 31. The maze promises to be a thrilling experience for all ages, but it might be too frightening for small children. There will be a haunted Tiki bar and tickets allow two entries into the maze. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and under.

Kinetic Lab of Horrors

The Kinetic Lab of Horrors at 820 N St. in Arcata will be open Thursday, Oct. 24, Friday, Oct. 25, Saturday, Oct. 26 and on Halloween Day, Tuesday, Oct. 31 from 7 p.m. to midnight. Tickets are \$15 cash at the door.

Mck Halloween Costume Parade

McKinleyville Shopping Center invites you to its 40th Annual Halloween Costume Parade on Saturday, Oct. 26, at 11 a.m. Children can enjoy a safe and fun trick-or-treating experience, with free candy and Halloween treats handed out by local merchants.

This free community event is open to all children. Participants should gather by the signs in the shopping center parking lot before 11 a.m. to ensure they are ready, as the parade will start promptly at 11 a.m. Don't miss this fun tradition! For more information about the Halloween Costume Parade, contact Megan at [mscevents707@gmail.com](mailto:mscevents707@gmail.com).

Spooky Dunes

Join Friends of the Dunes for a Halloween dune adventure during the Spooky Dunes Tour on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 220 Stamps Ln. in Manila. The dunes will be full of interesting, wild, and silly characters such as the Beach Grass Troll, Forest Gnome and a Forgetful Flower Fairy. Families will receive a treasure map at the Nature Center and begin their quest, which will involve a short hike on soft sand. This is a free, bilingual (Spanish) event geared for families with young children ages three to 10. Costumes are strongly encouraged! This event will take place outside, please come prepared for the weather. RSVP is recommended but not required. Contact us at (707) 444-1397.

Boo at the Zoo

Sequoia Park Zoo is thrilled to bring back Boo at the Zoo for another spook-tacular year of family-friendly Halloween fun – featuring the Pumpkin Stomp & Chomp, Spooky Science Center, Trick-or-Treat candy stations, and special demonstration by master pumpkin carver Mike Craghead! The event takes place Sunday, Oct. 27 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Halloween on the Plaza

The Arcata Chamber of Commerce presents Halloween on the Arcata Plaza on Thursday, Oct. 31 from 4 to 7 p.m. Participating merchants will be handing out candy. In the center of the plaza, there will be a costume contest at 5 p.m. with winners for Best Group Costume, Best Solo Costume, and Best Kids Costume. The Marching Lumberjacks will parade around a few times. The Dancing Witches of Humboldt will dance at 6 p.m. The Fire Flow Birds will perform at 6:30 p.m.

**OCIE ELLIOT** performs Wednesday, Oct. 23 at the Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St., Arcata. Ocie Elliott pen tunes that feel lived-in. One can hear their memories, moments and emotions in the dusty acoustic guitars, sparse production and graceful harmonies between Jon Middleton and Sierra Lundy. Their experiences as a couple pour into a living, breathing vision for 21st century folk amplified by nuance and pop appeal. After gathering millions of streams and earning widespread acclaim, the Juno Award-nominated group took another leap forward together on their 2023 *Know The Night* EP. Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. All ages. Tickets are \$22 and are available at the door. (707) 630-5000, [arcatatheatrelounge.com](http://arcatatheatrelounge.com)

**THE CLAIRE BENT JAZZ QUINTET** performs Thursday, Oct. 24 at The Basement, 780 Seventh St., ground floor of Jacoby's Storehouse, Arcata. The Claire Bent Jazz Quartet, led by Humboldt County's princess of soul, joins her band playing their jazz, funk and R&B dance tunes. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. 21 and over. (707) 645-2309, [basementarcata.com](http://basementarcata.com)

**JEFF LANDEN** performs Thursday, Oct. 24 at the Logger, 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake. Local slide guitar virtuoso Jeff Landen shows off his repertoire. The show starts at

New from The Press at Cal Poly: Frankie's First Halloween

THE PRESS AT CAL POLY HUMBOLDT

ARCATA – Get ready for a Halloween adventure like no other! The Press at Cal Poly Humboldt is thrilled to announce the release of *Frankie's First Halloween*, a delightful new children's book that celebrates the spirit of Halloween through the eyes of a lovable ghost.

Frankie loves Halloween, but there's just one hitch – he's a ghost! When the mischievous Evilena the Witch promises to brew a potion to transform him into a real boy, Frankie and his friend Mona the Mummy embark on a quest to find the fabled Enchanted Pumpkin.

Will they uncover the pumpkin in time to make Frankie's Halloween dreams come true?

Written by longtime Eureka teacher Tony Pitre, this charming story is perfect for young readers eager to experience the

thrills of Halloween. Paired with captivating illustrations by recent Cal Poly Humboldt Art department graduate Cello Wicklin, the book is a visual treat that brings Frankie's adventure to life.

*Frankie's First Halloween* is part of a new children's book imprint launched by The Press at Cal Poly Humboldt, aimed at fostering collaboration between artists and authors for open-source projects.

The Press also employs students to edit, layout, and market publications to gain professional experience in publishing. This imprint not only highlights local talent but also enriches the literary landscape of Humboldt County with imaginative stories for children.

Frankie's First Halloween is now available to download for free at [press.humboldt.edu/frankies-first-halloween](http://press.humboldt.edu/frankies-first-halloween), or for paperback purchase on [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com).



**HOT OFF THE PRESS** The cover of *Frankie's First Halloween*. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Outstanding cellist to take stage in Eureka, Arcata

EUREKA CHAMBER MUSIC

EUREKA/ARCATA – The Eureka Chamber Music Series presents Gary Hoffman, one of the outstanding cellists of our time, performing two distinctive programs during his first-ever visit to Humboldt County.

Combining instrumental mastery, great beauty of sound, and a poetic sensibility, Hoffman will play a Mainstage Concert featuring works by Claude Debussy, Frédéric Chopin, and Felix Mendelssohn on Saturday, Oct. 26 at 7:30 p.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church in Eureka.

On Sunday, Oct. 27 at 3 p.m. at The Lutheran Church of Arcata, Hoffman will play selections from his extensive



Gary Hoffman

repertoire of music for solo cello, as well as discuss his life as an artist and answer questions from the audience during this Concert and Conversation program.

Mainstage Concert tickets are \$40 general and \$10 for students. Concert and Conversation tickets are \$20 general and \$5 for students.

Purchasing tickets in advance is recommended for this popular concert series, and there are no added fees or service charges when ordering tickets online. Please visit [eurekachambermusic.org](http://eurekachambermusic.org) and follow the "purchase tickets" link. Any remaining tickets will be sold at the door. Season Tickets are also available for a limited time.

Gary Hoffman made his debut at the Wigmore Hall in London at the age of 15, quickly followed by his debut in New York. At the age of 22 he became the youngest faculty appointee in the history of the Indiana University School of Music. After winning the Premier Grand Prix of the Rostropovich International Competition in Paris

in 1986, the first North American to ever do so, he embarked on an international career, appearing with the world's most noted orchestras, in major recital and chamber music series and at prestigious festivals.

A frequent soloist with the world's most noted orchestras, Hoffman has appeared with the Chicago, London, Montreal, Toronto, San Francisco, Baltimore and National Symphony orchestras as well as the English, Moscow and Los Angeles chamber orchestras, the Orchestre National de France, the Orchestre de la Suisse Romande, the Netherlands and Rotterdam Philharmonics, the Cleveland Orchestra for the Blossom Festival and the Philadelphia Orchestra.

Dramatic readings from Iliad, The Trojan Women

CAL POLY HUMBOLDT

CAL POLY CAMPUS – *Theater of War: Hector, Andromache, and the Death of Astyanax* takes place Thursday, Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. at the Van Duzer Theater on the Cal Poly Humboldt campus. The event is free, but registration is required at [eventbrite.com/e/theater-of-war-cal-poly-humboldt-tickets-1039129854367?aff=oddtcreator](http://eventbrite.com/e/theater-of-war-cal-poly-humboldt-tickets-1039129854367?aff=oddtcreator).

*Theater of War: Hector, Andromache, and the Death of Astyanax* presents live, dramatic readings of selections from Homer's *Iliad*, Book VI and scenes from *The Trojan Women* by Euripides – featuring

acclaimed actors and a chorus of Cal Poly Humboldt students, faculty, staff, and community members from a variety of backgrounds, whose lives have been impacted by war – to help frame powerful dialogue about the human cost of war, centered on the suffering of children and civilians.

Featuring performances by Nyasha Hatendi (*Hunters, Swan Song*), Ellen McLaughlin (*Angels in America, King Lear*), David Denman (*The Office, Mare of Easttown*), and Marjolaine Goldsmith (*Company Manager, Theater of War Productions*), and a chorus of Cal Poly Humboldt community members: Jocelyne Takatsu-

no, Jeremy Webb, Brandon Roberts, Stone Vue, Tom Lukins, Kianna Znika, Jarrett Whitlow, Liz Whitchurch, Jasmine Jolly and Jeff Crane.

The show is translated, directed, and facilitated by Bryan Doerries.

The Theater of War performance at Cal Poly Humboldt is co-sponsored by President Michael Spagna, the Office of Academic Affairs, and the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences. The College is also responsible for organizing the performance. Free and open to the Cal Poly Humboldt and Arcata community. Doors open at 6:30

**POETRY SLAM** The next A Reason to Listen, Humboldt's premier live poetry event, is happening Thursday, Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. at the Sanctuary, 1301 J St. in Arcata. November's theme will be poets responding post election. Sign-ups begin at 6:30 p.m. Live music by the inimitable DJ Goldylocks. Live art by Dre Meza. Admission is \$5 to

\$10 at the door: cash or Venmo. Both food and drink available for sale.

**HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR** Join the Humboldt Grange on Saturday, Nov. 9 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for a Holiday Craft Fair. The Humboldt Grange #501's goal is to provide artisans and other vendors with a low-cost

venue for their craft items and provide the public a place to meet the maker. Indoors table space is \$25 and you will be supplied with an 8' table and chairs. Fees must be paid in advance, payable in cash, check, or money order made out to the Humboldt Grange #501. The Grange is located at 5845 Humboldt Hill Rd. in Eureka.

8 p.m. 21 and over. (707) 668-5000, [loggerbar.com/eventswww.loggerbar.com/events](http://loggerbar.com/eventswww.loggerbar.com/events)

**RUBY RUTH AND MULE RANCH** perform Friday, Oct. 25 at the Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St., Arcata. In this debut album fundraiser for Ruby Ruth and Mule Ranch, there will be an evening of stories, dance, playfulness and community. Ruby Ruth weaves their vulnerability and authenticity into each song they write, and with the accompaniment of Mule Ranch, this powerful band creates complimentary arrangements that bring Ruby's stories to life. Mule Ranch, with their dynamic sound, deliver engaging performances that invite audiences to feel and express the soul delivered within every song. Doors open at 7 p.m, show starts at 7:30 p.m. All ages. Tickets are \$25 in advance and at the door. (707) 822-1575, [arcataplayhouse.org](http://arcataplayhouse.org)

**PAPA HAOLE** performs Friday, Oct. 25 at Six Rivers Brewery, 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville. Local favorites featuring steel pan, ukulele, drums, bass and guitar, playing original rock, reggae, ska, latin and calypso. Show starts at 5 p.m. All ages. (707) 839-7580, [sixriversbrewery.com](http://sixriversbrewery.com)

**BLUNTS** performs Saturday, Oct. 26 at the Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St., Arcata.

After building an immense career and touring nationwide with acts like Subtronics, Zed's Dead, and many more, Blunts' sound and styles are the furthest thing from cookie cutter. He creates his own, unique vibe by blending all elements of bass music and even sprinkling in hip-hop and deep Rastafarian influences. Doors open at 9 p.m., show starts at 9:30 p.m. 18 and over. Tickets are \$20 in advance and at the door. (707) 630-5000, [arcatatheatrelounge.com](http://arcatatheatrelounge.com)

**FIRESIGN** performs Saturday, Oct. 26 at The Basement, 780 Seventh St., ground floor of Jacoby's Storehouse, Arcata. Fire-Sign is a locally based band drawing inspiration from five decades of music, with a focus on multiple-part harmonies and diverse musical accompaniment. Doors open at 8:30 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. \$5 at the door (707) 645-2309, [basementarcata.com](http://basementarcata.com)

**THE SHATTERED GLASS** performs Saturday, Oct. 26 at the Logger, 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake. Formed in 2003, local lads the Shattered Glass are a (generally) four-piece band who play folky/punky/drinking songs. The show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. (707) 668-5000, [loggerbar.com/eventswww.loggerbar.com/events](http://loggerbar.com/eventswww.loggerbar.com/events)

**STEVE JOHNSON** performs Saturday, Oct.

26 at Six Rivers Brewery, 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville. Steve Johnson performs an assortment of rock 'n' roll and blues, in addition to covers. Show starts at 6 p.m. All ages. (707) 839-7580, [sixriversbrewery.com](http://sixriversbrewery.com)

**THE COMPOST MOUNTAIN BOYS** perform Saturday, Oct. 26 at Mad River Tap Room at 195 Taylor Way in Blue Lake. Humboldt County's own Compost Mountain Boys, playing NorCal-tinged bluegrass for more than two decades now. Show starts at 6 p.m. All ages. (707) 668-4151, [madrivertaproom.com](http://madrivertaproom.com)

COMING UP:

- Tropa Magica at Richard's Goat, Wednesday, Oct. 30, 7:30 p.m.
- Spooky Mansion at Richard's Goat, Monday, Nov. 4, 7:30 p.m.
- EBK Young Joc at the Arcata Theatre Lounge, Saturday, Nov. 9, 9 p.m.
- Tom Hamilton at Humboldt Brewery, Sunday, Nov. 10, 8 p.m.
- Hiroya Tsukamoto at the Arcata Playhouse, Saturday, Nov. 16, 8 p.m.
- Nick Colletti at the Arcata Theatre Lounge, Sunday, Nov. 17, 7 p.m.
- Alan Licht at Richard's Goat, Monday, Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m.
- Stinkfoot Orchestra at Humboldt Brewery, Saturday, Nov. 23, 9 p.m.



FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
24-00553

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**FISH AND CHIPS CONSTRUCTION**  
**4257 WALNUT DR.**  
**EUREKA, CA 95503**  
This business is conducted by:  
AN INDIVIDUAL  
**S/TIMOTHY JOHNSTON, OWNER**

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on OCT. 15, 2024  
**JUAN P. CERVANTES**  
SAG/DEPUTY CLERK  
110/23, 10/30, 11/6, 11/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
24-00551

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**AWT ON DEMAND PRINT & LABELING SYSTEMS**  
**2419 E. WINSTON ROAD,**  
**ANAHEIM, CA 92806**  
**COUNTY OF ORANGE**  
NEW YORK  
**LABELTRONIX, LLC**  
**CA 200019410079**  
**2419 E. WINSTON ROAD,**  
**ANAHEIM, CA 92806**  
This business is conducted by:  
A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY  
**S/JIM STOFFEL, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on OCT. 11, 2024  
**JUAN P. CERVANTES**  
JR/DEPUTY CLERK  
10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 11/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
24-00539

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**CHEGG SKILLS**  
**31 PENN PLAZA,**  
**12TH FLOOR,**  
**132 W. 31ST ST.**  
**NEW YORK, NY 10001**  
NEW YORK  
**THINKFUL INC.**  
**DE 4012299**  
**31 PENN PLAZA,**  
**12TH FLOOR,**  
**132 W. 31ST ST.**  
**NEW YORK, NY 10001**  
This business is conducted by:  
A CORPORATION  
**S/WOODIE DIXON, JR., PRESIDENT**

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on OCT. 7, 2024  
**JUAN P. CERVANTES**  
JR/DEPUTY CLERK  
10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 11/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
24-00546

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**MYCO MATÉ**  
**1196 CHELSEA WAY**  
**MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519**  
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT  
**ENLIGHTENED ENDEAVORS, LLC**  
**CA202463813747**  
**1196 CHELSEA WAY**  
**MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519**  
This business is conducted by:  
AN INDIVIDUAL  
**S/GARRETT WILLFONG, OWNER**

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on OCT. 9, 2024  
**JUAN P. CERVANTES**  
SG/DEPUTY CLERK  
10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/6

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
24-00543

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**HAPPY TAILS WASTE MANAGEMENT**  
**2390 THIEL AVE.**  
**MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519**  
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT  
**GARRETT D. WILLFONG**  
**2390 THIEL AVE.**  
**MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519**  
This business is conducted by:  
AN INDIVIDUAL  
**S/GARRETT WILLFONG, OWNER**

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on OCT. 8, 2024  
**JUAN P. CERVANTES**  
JC/DEPUTY CLERK  
10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/6

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
24-00532

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**SAGE AND CITRINE CLEANING SERVICES**  
**103 H STREET APCT. 1A**  
**ARCATA, CA 95521**  
**P.O. BOX 6063**  
**EUREKA, CA 95501**  
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT  
**MIRANDA M. BOYETT**  
**103 H STREET APCT. 1A**  
**ARCATA, CA 95521**  
This business is conducted by:  
AN INDIVIDUAL  
**S/MIRANDA BOYETT,**

OWNER  
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on OCT. 3, 2024

**JUAN P. CERVANTES**  
JR/DEPUTY CLERK  
10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/6

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
24-00531

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**SURROUNDU COMMUNITY SAUNAS**  
**12956 WEST END RD**  
**ARCATA, CA 95521**  
**13013 WEST END RD**  
**ARCATA, CA 95521**  
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT  
**SURROUNDU LLC**  
**CA 201818310476**  
**13013 WEST END RD**  
**ARCATA, CA 95521**  
This business is conducted by:  
A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY  
**S/JEREMY CHAPMAN, CEO**

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on OCT. 3, 2024  
**JUAN P. CERVANTES**  
JR/DEPUTY CLERK  
10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
24-00492

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**SHOSHANNA DANCE AND EVENTS**  
**1210 GRANT AVE.**  
**ARCATA, CA 95521**  
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT  
**MELISSA R. ANTHONY**  
**1210 GRANT AVE.**  
**ARCATA, CA 95521**  
This business is conducted by:  
AN INDIVIDUAL  
**S/MELISSA ROSE ANTHONY, OWNER**

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on Sept. 9, 2024  
**JUAN P. CERVANTES**  
JR/DEPUTY CLERK  
10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
24-00497

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**BEAR EXTRACTION HOUSE**  
**5550 WEST END RD.**  
**SUITE 11**  
**ARCATA, CA 95521**  
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT  
**HAILOS INC.**  
**CALIFORNIA 6224194**  
**5550 WEST END RD.**  
**SUITE 14**  
**ARCATA, CA 95521**  
This business is conducted by:  
A CORPORATION  
**S/MATTHEW MOHOROVICH, CEO**

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on Sept. 10, 2024  
**JUAN P. CERVANTES**  
JR/DEPUTY CLERK  
10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
24-00498

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**BEAR HUMBOLDT**  
**5550 WEST END RD.**  
**SUITE 14**  
**ARCATA, CA 95521**  
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT  
**HAILOS INC.**  
**CALIFORNIA 6224194**  
**5550 WEST END RD.**  
**SUITE 14**  
**ARCATA, CA 95521**  
**SOHI HOLDINGS, LLC**  
**DELAWARE 201912610072**  
**5550 WEST END RD.**  
**SUITE 9**  
**ARCATA, CA 95521**  
This business is conducted by:  
A CORPORATION  
**S/MATTHEW MOHOROVICH, CEO**

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on Sept. 10, 2024  
**JUAN P. CERVANTES**  
JR/DEPUTY CLERK  
10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23

SUMMONS  
(CITACION JUDICIAL)  
CASE NUMBER: CV2400740

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: LORENZO RUIZ ALVARA, JR., aka LARRY RUIZ ALVARA, JR., DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF LORENZO RUIZ ALVARA, JR., aka LARRY RUIZ ALVARA, JR., AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN, CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFF'S TITLE, OR ANY CLOUD ON PLAINTIFF'S TITLE THERETO, AND DOES 1-50, INCLUDING. YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): CONNIE ALVARA, an individual  
NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your be-

ing heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.  
You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.  
There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelp-california.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. ¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación. Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.su-corte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia. Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de la corte y más información en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.su-corte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.  
The name and address of the court is ((El nombre y dirección de la corte es): Humboldt Superior Court 825 Fifth Street Eureka, CA 95501  
The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Dustin E. Owens 244173 Owens & Ross 1118 Sixth St. Eureka, CA 95501 (707) 441-1185 Meara Hattan, Clerk Deputy, DAISEY S Date: April 16, 2024 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30  
SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) CASE NUMBER: CV2401518  
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: LOREN G. AUGUST, JOAN R. AUGUST, AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN

CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT PROPERTY.  
YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): DANIEL BOBILLOT  
NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.  
You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.  
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The name and address of the court is ((El nombre y dirección de la corte es): Humboldt Superior Court 825 Fifth Street Eureka, CA 95501  
The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Neal G. Latt Latt Law Group, APC 350 E St. Suite 308 Eureka, CA 95501 (707) 908-9088 neal@lattelawgroup.com Meara Hattan, Clerk

Deputy, Angel R. Date: Aug. 7, 2024 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30

NOTICE OF PETITION  
TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF

**BETTINA RHEIN-SCHMIDT**  
CASE NO.: PR2400284  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:  
**BETTINA RHEIN-SCHMIDT**  
A Petition for Probate has been filed by MICHELLE RHEIN-SCHMIDT in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate requests that: MICHELLE RHEINSCHMIDT be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

Date: NOV. 21, 2024  
Time: 9:30 A.M.  
Dept.: 4  
Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.

COURT MAY BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. PLEASE VISIT https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ONLINE VIDEO HEARING.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

**SOLE N CASHMAN GALE & NIELSEN**  
**2850 HARRIS ST.**  
**EUREKA, CA 95503**  
**(707) 269-0167**  
10/23, 10/30, 11/6

October 17, 2024  
Trinidad Union School District announces that applications for the two open seats on the Governing Board will be available through November 7, 2024 at the District Office, 300 Trinity Street, Trinidad, CA.  
Interested persons who live within the boundaries of the Trinidad Union School District and who are registered voters are welcome to apply by November 7, 2024 at 4:00pm for the two existing vacancies. All applications will become public records upon receipt by the District.

Candidates will be interviewed in open session on Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 6:00pm by the four (4) current Governing Board members at a meeting scheduled for that purpose. Persons wanting to submit questions for the existing Board members

to consider during interviewing should do so by November 4, 2024.

Inquiries from qualified citizens can be made by calling Alyse Nichols at 707.677.3631. 10/23, 10/30

CITY OF ARCATA  
LEGAL AD  
NOTICE OF NOMINEES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

Notice is hereby given that the following seven (7) persons have been nominated for three (3) City Council seats that will become vacant in December 2024. Each vacancy is for a full four-year term to be filled at the general municipal election to be held in the City of Arcata on Tuesday, the 5th day of November, 2024.

Shea Love  
Freedomhowler  
Gregory Daggett  
Dana Quillman  
Stacy Atkins-Salazar  
Alexandra Stillman  
Genevieve Serna  
Sarah Schaefer

How the names appear on the ballot is decided by a randomized alphabet drawing conducted at the office of the California Secretary of State in Sacramento. The drawing was completed on August 15, 2024. The above list of candidates, certified to be nominees for the Arcata City Council, are shown in the order they will appear on the general municipal election ballot in November.

Qualified Write-In Candidate

Notice is further given that as of October 15, 2024, the following person is a qualified write-in candidate and has been nominated to the same offices as mentioned above to be filled at the general municipal election to be held in the City of Arcata on Tuesday, the 5th day of November, 2024.

Ethan LeVering  
Write-in candidate nomination papers for the City Council seats are available by appointment beginning Monday, September 9, 2024, through Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at the City Manager's Office in City Hall, located at 736 F Street.

Dated: October 18, 2024 /s/ Rhea Varley, City Clerk

For further information, please contact the City Clerk at 825-2103. 10/23

File# 15951691 T.S. No.: 24-14211-104 Loan No.: \*\*\*\*0031 Notice of Trustee's Sale Note: There is a summary of the information in this document attached" "[Pursuant to civil code§ 2923.3(a), the summary of information referred to above is not attached to the recorded copy of this document, but only to the copies provided to trustor.] You are in default under a deed of trust dated 5/21/2018. Unless you take action to protect your property, it may be sold at a public sale. If you need an explanation of the nature of the proceeding against you, you should contact a lawyer. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Original Trustor(s): Kaya Phelps-Fossett, a Single Man Duly Appointed Trustee: WT Capital Lender Services, a California corporation Recorded 5/25/2018, as Instrument No. 2018-009614, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Humboldt County, California Date of Sale: 11/13/2024 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: At the front entrance to the County Courthouse,

825 5TH Street, Eureka, Ca 95501 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$190,842.77 Estimated Street Address or other common designation of real property: 28908 Dyerville Loop Rr, Garberville, California 95542 Legal Description: The land referred to herein below is situated in the unincorporated area in County of Humboldt, State of California, and is described as follows: Parcel One Parcel 9 as shown on parcel map no. 819, on file in the recorder's office of Humboldt County in book 7 of parcel maps, pages 45 to 52, inclusive. Parcel Two A non-exclusive right of way for ingress, egress and public utilities and pipelines over and in all roads shown on said map. A.P.N.: 223-101-005 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. In the event that the Deed of Trust described in this Notice of Trustee's Sale is secured by real property containing one to four single-family residences, the following notices are provided pursuant to the provisions of Civil Code section 2924f. Notice to potential bidders: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. Bidders at the trustee auction must make cashier's checks payable to WT Capital. Third party cashier's checks will not be accepted. Notice to property owner: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 559-228-8393 or visit this internet website www.wtcap.com, using the file number assigned to this case 24-14211-104. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to tenant: Effective January 1, 2021, you may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (559) 228-8393, or visit this internet website www.wtcap.com, using the file number assigned to this case 24-14211-104 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the

trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: October 15, 2024  
WT Capital Lender Services, a California corporation 7522 North Colonial Avenue, Suite 111 Fresno, California 93711 (559) 228-8393 WTCap.com By Nate Kucera, Chief Executive Officer (IFS# 36862 10/23/24, 10/30/24, 11/06/24) \*

CITY OF ARCATA  
LEGAL NOTICE  
INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1572

I hereby certify that at a regular meeting held on October 16, 2024, the Arcata City Council introduced Ordinance No. 1572, summarized below, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Arcata Amending Article 1 in Chapter 2, Title II of the Arcata Municipal Code to Include the City Manager's Authority to Sign Documents, at which time the reading in full thereof was unanimously waived and approval granted for reading the ordinance by title only. Motion to introduce Ordinance No. 1572 was passed by the following voice vote: AYES: Matthews, Stillman, Schaefer, White. NOES: None. ABSENT: Atkins-Salazar. ABSTENTIONS: None.

Rhea Varley, City Clerk, City of Arcata

Summary of Ordinance No. 1572

If adopted, this ordinance will provide delegated authorization to the City Manager, as provided in California Government Code section 40602, to sign contracts and other required documentation with the California Department of Housing and Community Development (Department). The Department has interpreted Federal law such that authorization must be provided by ordinance.

The full text of Ordinance No. 1572 is available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk, Arcata City Hall, 736 F Street, Arcata, California, Monday through Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Ordinance No. 1572 may be considered for adoption at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Arcata City Council to be held on November 6, 2024, and, if adopted at that time, will take effect December 6, 2024. Dated: October 16, 2024. Rhea Varley, City Clerk, City of Arcata 10/23

CITY OF ARCATA  
LEGAL NOTICE  
INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1573

I hereby certify that at a regular meeting held on October 16, 2024, the Arcata City Council introduced Ordinance No. 1573, summarized below, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Arcata Amending Arcata Municipal Code Regulations Regarding Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Task Forces, at which time the reading in full thereof was unanimously waived and approval granted for reading the ordinance by title only. Motion to introduce Ordinance No. 1573 was passed by the following voice vote: AYES: Matthews, Stillman, Schaefer, White. NOES: None. ABSENT: Atkins-Salazar. ABSTENTIONS: None.

Rhea Varley, City Clerk, City of Arcata

Summary of Ordinance No. 1573

If adopted, this ordinance will eliminate the Economic Development Committee and update the meeting schedule for the Historic Landmarks Committee.

The full text of Ordinance No. 1573 is available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk, Arcata City Hall, 736 F Street, Arcata, California, Monday through Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Ordinance No. 1573 may be considered for adoption at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Arcata City Council to be held on November 6, 2024, and, if adopted at that time, will take effect December 6, 2024. Dated: October 16, 2024. Rhea Varley, City Clerk, City of Arcata 10/9



## Dumping crap down the drain and into the bay is unconscionable madness

**CITY OF ARCATA**  
ARCATA – The City of Arcata would like to remind the community that storm drains flow directly into Humboldt Bay and to avoid allowing contaminants to get in the drains.

Storm drains divert stormwater from city streets straight to creeks and Humboldt Bay without filtration. Polluted stormwater run-off presents an ongoing hazard for the fish, birds and other wildlife living in and around the Bay and for all who use and enjoy it.

While stormwater may seem like a small drop in the bucket of environmental protection and conservation, it has far-reaching effects.

Humboldt Bay is the second largest estuary in California and the most ecologically diverse coastal embayment on the U.S. West Coast. The City of Arcata is dedicated to protecting local waterways and Humboldt Bay from stormwater pollution this rainy season.

Stormwater is rain that is not absorbed into the ground, but instead runs over the land picking up many pollutants such as pet waste, chemicals, oils and dirt/sediment along the way. Storm drains are separate from the wastewater treatment system, meaning the runoff is not filtered or treated like it would through a treatment system.

Remember, only rain

should go down the storm  
drain!

Here are some storm-water pollution prevention strategies to help protect the local water quality:

1. Scoop the Poop! Pet waste contains bacteria and parasites that make people, pets and wildlife sick.

Carry disposable bags when walking pets. Keep pet waste out of compost piles and yard waste bins.

Seal it in a bag for the garbage. Cleaning up after pets isn't just courteous, it's the healthy and environmentally sound thing to do.

2. Be Wiser about Fertilizer! Use fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides sparingly and according to label instructions. Never apply them if rain is forecast.

Local compost can be bought from Full Cycle Compost or created at home as an organic alternative to chemical fertilizers.

Before using a pesticide or insecticide, identify the pest or insect first, and then research options. Visit *[ourwaterourworld.org](http://ourwaterourworld.org)* to learn how to solve pest problems with less-toxic products.

3. Don't Spoil Waterways with Oil! Inspect and maintain vehicles regularly to prevent or stop leaks.

Clean up spills quickly with an absorbent material like cat litter. Never pour oil on the ground, on fence posts, on gravel driveways or down the storm drain. Recy-

cle used motor oil at a certified collection center, such as Franklin's Service off Guntoli Lane.

4. **BMPs in Motion to Control Erosion!** Prevent dirt and debris from leaving a construction site and entering storm drains using silt fences and other stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs).

5. Stabilize any exposed areas after land alterations. When in doubt, opt for a dry version of cleaning. For instance, clean up sediment and debris with a broom and dustpan rather than a hose. Soap is for Dishes, Not for Fishes!

Many household products, even soap, have chemicals that are toxic to fish and other aquatic life. Wash vehicles at the car wash or on gravel or grass. Rinse paintbrushes and pour soapy water into your sink so that it is treated by the wastewater treatment system. Never dump household chemicals on the ground, driveway or street.

Take unwanted, toxic household cleaners, paint thinners and any other household hazardous waste to the Humboldt Waste Management Authority (HWMA). For more information call their Hazardous Waste Hotline, at (707) 441-2005.

To report a spill or improper discharge to an Arcata road, storm drain or waterway, contact the City of Arcata Storm Water Hotline immediately at (707) 822-8184 or by email to [eservices@cityofarcata.org](mailto:eservices@cityofarcata.org).

The Environmental Services Department can also answer additional questions regarding stormwater pollution and best management practices (BMPs).

For more information on preventing stormwater pollution, please visit [cityofarcata.org/352/Stormwater](http://cityofarcata.org/352/Stormwater).

**MARSH TOUR** Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) is sponsoring a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Oct. 26. Meet leader Barbara Reisman at 2 p.m. in the lobby of the Interpretive Center (AMIC) on South G Street for a 90-minute, rain-or-shine walk focusing on marsh history, wastewater treatment through natural processes and native/invasive plants. For more information, call (707) 826-2359.

**WIGI WETLANDS WORK-  
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day. Help create  
bird-friendly



native habitats and restore a section of the bay trail by removing invasive plants and trash. This month we'll also be clearing most of the weeds from select areas and scattering seeds for native wildflowers. The trail section is located behind the Bayshore Mall and volunteers will meet in the parking lot directly behind Walmart. We will provide tools, gloves and packaged snacks. Please bring drinking water. Contact Susan Penn [susanpenn60@gmail.com](mailto:susanpenn60@gmail.com).

**BRING YOUR BINOCULARS** Join Redwood Region Audubon Society for a free guided field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Bring your binoculars and meet trip leader Janelle Chojnacki at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata for incredible views of Humboldt Bay, easy-to-walk trails and a great diversity of birdlife.

**SOHUM BIRDING TOUR** Join the Redwood Region Audubon Society for a Southern Humboldt birding walk on Saturday, Oct. 26. This walk includes 2 to 3 miles of gentle walking through riparian, grassland and mixed hardwood forests with bird species varying by season. Year-round residents we may observe include jays, towhees, woodpeckers and several raptor species. Meet at the Tooby Park parking lot located 1 mile west of Garberville on Sprowl Creek Road. This trip occurs on the fourth Saturday of every month, generally starts around 8:30 a.m. and the leaders vary by month. Call Ann at (707) 296-8720 for the correct start time.

**VTS WORKDAY** The Volunteer Trail Stewards (VTS) monthly workday in the Arcata Community Forest is Saturday, Oct. 26 at 9 a.m., ending early at 11:30 a.m. Meet at the Diamond Drive trailhead and focus on preparation for winter on a number of Community Forest trails. As always, there will be something for everyone. Go north on L.K. Wood Boulevard to Diamond Drive. The trailhead is eight-tenths of a mile up on Diamond Drive. RSVP to Rees Hughes at [hughes@humboldt.edu](mailto:hughes@humboldt.edu). Rain or shine, work gloves available. Bring your own water. *Humboldt Bay Trail South note:* Although the contractor has made significant progress this summer and fall, the Bay Trail South will not be complete until later in spring, 2025. They do hope to have most of the project complete this fall including finishing long stretches of the actual trail but the entire project, will not be able to finish until after the upcoming rainy season.

**LANPHERE DUNE TRIP** Join the Redwood Region Audubon Society and trip leader, Ken Burton, for a trip to the Humboldt Bay NWR – Lanphere Dunes Unit on Sunday, Oct. 27 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. This birding hike will be in a closed-to-the-public unit of the refuge, which includes slough, riparian forest, dune forest, restored dune, dune hollow and ocean beach habitats. We'll hike several miles, much of it on sand. Meet Ken ([shrikethree@gmail.com](mailto:shrikethree@gmail.com)) at Pacific Union Elementary School to carpool to the refuge; all participants must carpool and stay for the entire outing. No RSVP is necessary.

**NATURE JOURNALING AT THE MARSH** Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) is offering a free event the last Tuesday of each month: "Nature Journaling at the Marsh." Retired teacher and super-experienced marsh naturalist Lynn Jones will lead this 90-minute to two-hour event on Tuesday, Oct. 29 starting at 9 a.m. No pre-registration is required, but sessions are limited to the first 10 people to show up at the Marsh Interpretive Center. All ages are welcome, as long as participants are able to concentrate quietly for an extended period of time. Heavy rain cancels. FOAM will provide clipboards and colored pencils; participants need to

bring their own paper (e.g., a notebook, journal, or separate sheets) and a writing implement of their choice to jot notes. A pad to sit on or a folding chair is optional, as are binoculars and guides-books. Wear weather-appropriate clothing, which may include a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen. The goal is to sit quietly in one spot in the Marsh (locations will vary), making formal and informal observations of natural surroundings, on a small or large scale. The intent is to develop sensory observation skills and curiosity and to explore relationships in nature. Each observation begins with recording the date, precise location, elevation, weather (cloud cover, wind direction, air temperature) and time (most of these can be found on a phone). Next, for 30 to 45 minutes, participants will write and/or draw observations using their various senses. Lynn will offer prompts, but observation topics can be a particular species (plant or animal), ecosystem, or overall environment. Style and interpretation will vary. The session will end with a discussion about "What did this observation make you wonder?" (707) 826-2359

**COOL AND CREEPY NATURE DAY AT NHM** The Natural History Museum of Cal Poly Presents a Cool and Creepy Discovery Day, 1242 G St., Arcata, Saturday, Nov. 2 from noon to 4 p.m. This event will focus on taking a closer look at the cool and the creepy parts of the natural world. Enjoy many interactive stations and activities in different disciplines of science. Fun for the whole family. Admission is \$3 per person, Free for members, children under 2 and adults accompanying children. For more information, visit [humboldt.edu/natmus](http://humboldt.edu/natmus), email [natmus@humboldt.edu](mailto:natmus@humboldt.edu) or call (707) 826-4480.

**EARLY SEASON MUSHROOMS AT NHM** The Natural History Museum Cal Poly presents a talk on The Early Season Mushrooms of Humboldt, with Professor of Botany and Environmental Science, Maria Morrow. 1242 G St., Arcata, Friday, Nov. 8 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Take a metaphorical walk through some of our coastal forests and see what might be fruiting this month. Learn to identify and explore the ecology of this fascinating kingdom of life. Admission is free. Snacks provided. For more information, visit [humboldt.edu/natmus](http://humboldt.edu/natmus), email [natmus@humboldt.edu](mailto:natmus@humboldt.edu) or call (707) 826-4480.

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